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J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. [24]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [28]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1908. [20]

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [633]

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the above Company, we shall be
pleased to give any information as to rates of
passage, &c., in connection with above.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [167]

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MANAGER
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [15]

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HENRY LUTZ,
MANAGER. [167]

Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [167]

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 19th September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [807]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the City Hall, on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August, of electing officers-bearers for the ensuing year, &c.

DAVID WOOD,
Acting Honorary Secretary,
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1908. [809]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [814]

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Hongkong, 8th September, 1908. [814]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [497]

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A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [159]

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1908. [157]

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Hongkong, 9th June, 1908. [188]

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ANECDOTES OF PARLIAMENT.

BY A MAN WHO LOOKS BACK TO 1866.

Mr. Bernard F. Bussy, the veteran Parliamentary reporter, who has recently retired, contributes to the March issue of the *Pall Mall Magazine* some exceedingly interesting reminiscences. His experience dates back to the session immediately following the death of Lord Palmerston and Cobden, when "Disraeli" was still "Mr." and before Gladstone had been Prime Minister. Here are some passages from this remarkable contribution to political history:

An incident which created a singularly painful impression took place one afternoon in connection with Mr. Disraeli's proposal to make Queen Victoria Empress of India. For some reason or other the Opposition professed to look upon the proposal with grave suspicion—an attitude which led their political enemies to charge them with suffering from the heavy disappointment of never having had the luck to make so brilliant a proposal themselves. In the heat of his fierce hostility to a Tory project which must conceal some political chicanery or worse, Mr. Robert Lowe permitted himself to use language disrespectful to the Sovereign, and to suggest that she was herself a party to the proposal—a charge which drew from the Queen an immediate and explicit denial. An incident like this gave the Leader of the House an opportunity for one of those dramatic moments which he had the art of utilising with splendid effect.

THE DRAMATIC LETTER.

Coming down to the House next day, Mr. Disraeli rose from the Treasury bench as soon as questions were over, and drew from his breast-pocket a letter which he fingered with the greatest delicacy and care, as though it contained something beyond all price. "I have it in command from her Majesty," he began, and then he paused, as if it had suddenly flashed upon him that the name of the monarch must never be imported into debate without the express sanction of the House. He returned the letter to his pocket and resumed his seat. "Go on," came in a roar from both sides. He rose again, once more took out the letter, and in those cold tones which he reserved for special occasions, and now used with thrilling effect, he read the letter from the Queen, denying in the completest fashion the personal charge which Mr. Lowe had thought fit to make against her.

A PROUD SPIRIT HUMILIATED.

Here for a time the matter ended, so far as the public procedure of the House was concerned, for though a shout was raised for Mr. Lowe to "withdraw" the language he had used, he made no sign. But the incident had created a tremendous amount of feeling, and the lobby and its rumours were full of it. It was felt that Mr. Lowe must apologise, but stories were afloat as to the pressure amounting in the aggregate to something of unheard-of weight that had to be exerted upon him by his former colleagues on the front Opposition bench to get him into a proper frame of mind. These counsels in the end prevailed. Mr. Lowe consented to make public apology in the House for the wrong he had done to her Majesty; but when he rose for the purpose, in a full house, it was noticed how great a change had come over him. The humbling of a proud spirit was a saddening process to all who saw it. All at once he had become a feeble old man, and it was in faltering accents that he made his "amende." The House seemed to suffer almost as much as he did while he made it, for he was one of the political giants of his time. His white head was bowed, his whole figure showed extreme dejection, and he all but broke down over his distasteful task, so trying to a man of arrogant and irascible temper.

WHISTLED IN THE LORDS.

This was almost, if not quite, the political end of Mr. Robert Lowe, whom the House had known, admired, and to some extent feared, for so many years. He soon afterwards went to the House of Lords as Viscount Sherbrooke, and there, in his maiden speech to a new audience, he actually did break down, but managed to murmur that he was unaccustomed to the atmosphere and surroundings of the chamber in which he now found himself. And soon afterwards he deserted the body of the House, and used to sit in the Peers' Gallery among the ladies, where on several occasions he displayed an absent-mindedness never seen in him before, and electrified the assemblage by whistling tunes in shrill but clear tones while debate was going on.

GLADSTONE AND DISRAELI COMPARED.

Both were casualties in a sense, but Gladstone was a casualty in spite of himself—Disraeli because he liked it, and had the subtler intellect. Gladstone, with all his splendid powers—his wide learning, his rich rhetorical gifts, and his deeply-seated religious feeling—was somewhat cold in temperament, except among the chosen few who formed the circle of his intimate friends. He loved mankind with a warm and generous affection, but it was masked in the mass rather than in the individual specimen, and that accounted for part, though by no means the whole, of the secret involved in the lavish recklessness with which he squandered his enormous majorities.

Disraeli was quite different in his methods. He never lost a friend or a vote even where the humblest of his Parliamentary followers were concerned, through a failure to inquire, when he met John Smith, M.P., in the lobby, how Mrs. Smith was getting on since her recent illness, how the boy was progressing at Eton, and what were the hon. member's plans about the

SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC.

BRITAIN'S LEAD.

Britain's overwhelming preponderance in the world's mercantile marine is brought out in striking fashion in the returns of Suez Canal traffic for 1907. The number of ships belonging to the United Kingdom and foreign countries, respectively, which passed through the canal in the last three years, was as follows:—

	United Kingdom.	Other Countries.	Total.
1905	2,484	1,631	4,115
1906	2,333	1,642	3,975
1907	2,551	1,616	4,167

The total net tonnage for the past year shows an increase of 1,281,930 as compared with that of 1906, and of 1,594,329 over that of 1905. British tonnage increased by 1,959,937—from 8,299,931 to 9,495,868. German tonnage, which is next in importance, rose from a total of 2,113,484 in 1905 to 2,155,552 in 1906 and to 2,253,651 in 1907. The annexed table gives last year's traffic details for the vessels of the five leading users:—

Vessels.	Pr. Cl.	Net Tonnage.	Pr. Cent.
U. Kingdom	2,551	9,495,868	64.5
Germany	589	2,253,651	15.3
France	239	806,786	5.3
Holland	223	637,089	4.3
A. Hungary	119	439,937	3.0

These figures apply to ships of every description—merchant vessels, mail steamers, men-of-war, transports, &c. Taking cargo ships alone the United Kingdom comes out still better. Of the total of 3,454 of this class 2,441 were British, a figure which represents fully 75 per cent. of the number and nearly 78 per cent. of the tonnage. German vessels numbered 311, or 9.5 per cent.; and France, Holland, Russia, Austro-Hungary, Denmark, Norway, and Turkey combined furnished 13.5 per cent. of the vessels engaged in the carrying trade to the East through the Canal. In mail steamers alone Germany has the lead. Of last year's total of 940 Germany owned 263, with a net tonnage of 1,127,930 against 159, with a net tonnage of 731,737, flying the British flag.

Notwithstanding the reduction in transit dues which took effect on January 1, 1906, the revenue continues to grow. Last year's increase of £320,000 is attributed not to any abnormal or fortuitous causes, but to the general activity of trade which prevailed. The gross receipts on a total net tonnage of 14,784,344 amounted to £4,610,000. In the ten years, 1891-1900, the average of the net tonnage was 8,588,947, and of the receipts £3,200,000. The following are the main details of the passenger traffic for the last two years:—

	1906.	1907.
Military	221,288	84,033
Civilians	103,117	105,092
Pilgrims, Emigrants, and Convicts	35,211	54,455
	359,616	243,580

The repatriation of large numbers of Russian troops from Manchuria on the conclusion of the war with Japan accounts mainly for the abnormal figures of 1906.

Intimations.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP\$1,250,000)

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [48]

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VARIOUS SHAPES AND COLOURS.

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FLANNELS, TWEEDS, SERGES,
Ladies' DRESSING GOWNS
and JACKETS.

Samples on application. Coast
ports orders carefully executed.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1908. [10]

Intimations.

THE BRIGHT SIDE

of life. It is a feeling common to the majority of us that we do not get quite the amount of happiness we are entitled to. Among the count, less things which tend to make us more or less miserable ill health takes first place. Hannah More said that sin was generally to be attributed to biliousness. No doubt a crippled liver with the resulting impure blood, is the cause of more mental gloom than any other single thing. And who can reckon up the fearful aggregate of pain, loss and fear arising from the many ailments and diseases which are familiar to mankind; like a vast cloud it hangs over a multitude no one can number. You can see these people everywhere. For their life can scarcely be said to have any "bright side" at all. Hence the eagerness with which they search for relief and cure. Remedies like

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have not attained their high position in the confidence of the people by bald assertions and boasting advertisements. They are obliged to win it by doing actually what is claimed for them. That this remedy deserves its reputation is contended. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Nothing has such a record of success in Scrofula, Anemia, Throat and Lung Troubles, and emaciating complaints and disorders, that tend to undermine the foundations of strength and vigour. Its use helps to show life's brighter side. Dr. H. L. Reddy, B. A., M. D., L. R. C. S., Edinburgh, L. R. C. P., London, Physician Woman's Hospital—Professor University of Bishops College, Canada, says: "I have much pleasure in stating that I have used it in cases of debility and have found it to be a very valuable remedy as well as pleasing to take." You can take it with the assurance of getting well. It never disappoints. Sold by all chemists.

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HAVE just received a Fresh Assortment of AMERICAN GOODS comprising the following:—

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&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. [50]

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LESSONS in Violin, Mandoline and Guitar at pupil's residence.
Evening engagements for Dances and Concerts.

Apply to—
E. J. LOPES,
Of Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. [107]

PABST BREWING COMPANY,
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Hongkong, 10th July, 1907. [111]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [804]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage, and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.
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The Superiority will also be most grateful for any FARM, or OLD FARM, to be made into a School for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908. [112]

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE."

Captain Warner, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1908. [823]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"LUTZOW."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th of September, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th of September, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th of September, 1908, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1908. [8]

AMERICAN & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

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Captain W. H. Lea, having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1908. [829]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"PERA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 16th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1908. [9]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"CHOYSANG,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 14th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1908. [110]

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Hongkong, 5th September, 1908.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1908.

DASILE DE LA STE. ENFANCE.

During this year the two of the most deserving of public institutions in Hongkong devoted wholly to the cause of charity and maintained solely for the benefit of the poor, outcast foundlings celebrate jubilees. In the case of the Italian Convent it was but a few months ago that that institution celebrated in Hongkong the first centenary of its founding by the Canossian Sisters of Charity. To-day the French Convent in Wanchai commemorates the sixtieth anniversary of the arrival of the little band of four French Sisters of Charity in the Colony whose life-long work of devotion and self-sacrifice was destined within the past sixty years to leave an indelible mark in the history of Hongkong.

It was but six years ago that a complete historical and descriptive retrospect of the magnificent work performed by the Sisters of Charity in the Colony appeared in the columns of the *Telegraph* which lends itself peculiarly to reproduction in part on this most memorable occasion. The subject of our theme to-day is as different in aspect, in its management, in the status and condition of the inmates, and in the curriculum, if so it may be termed, from the generally accepted notion of convent life as it is possible to imagine, and although this is the plain unvarnished truth, yet many false impressions have been formed of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance simply because so little is known about it—few indeed are those among us who realize that in this place we have an example of what Buckminster styles the highest kind of charity, namely, charity toward the uncharitable. Nor is it to be supposed that the general public realize that the patient, persevering Sisters of the French Convent by their unostentatious methods of carrying on a great work are themselves to blame, if blame there be, for any lack of interest in the institution that may be noticeable. "Charity vaudeville" is not; it is not puffed up, and these Sisters carry on their meritorious and arduous work in almost complete silence. It is to be wondered at that they do not issue annual reports and forward them, with a covering note asking for a kindly notice, to the Editors of local journals? Not after one has been kindly shown over the establishment and is thereby enabled to grasp the far-reaching effect, the magnitude and the tendency to expansion of the task so cheerfully undertaken. It is meritorious labour of the most admirable nature, and "true merit is like a river; the deeper it is the less noise it makes." Silently, devotedly, persistently, from one year's end to the other, these Sisters labour on, rescuing hundreds of infants from death by disease, starvation, and maltreatment; nursing, clothing, educating and civilising the discarded offspring of the poorest of the poor; sometimes protecting persecuted slave-girls from the violence and brutality of their cruel owners; oftentimes taking under their care the children of Europeans who have either fallen far from grace, or who have been left orphans—houseless, penniless, hopeless. It is owing to the unostentatiousness of the methods adopted, and consequent lack of information about the place, that a brief description of a visit of inspection will probably be interesting and even instructive. We have all heard of Doctor Barnardo's Homes in London and the splendid work he does amongst the waifs and strays of London Town. The rescue work by the French Convent is as meritorious as it is successful and creditable, and the conversion of these waifs into useful seamstresses, good cooks and skilful washerwomen is commendable in the extreme. The devotion of the Sisters to their work and the success they have attained fills the visitor with admiration for the noble little band of workers who with so little accomplish so much. Each of them makes it her life's work rightly believing that when "the call" comes and she passes away, from this world of woes her end must be the greatest reward of all—Peace, Perfect Peace. When an infant is admitted it is brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, the Sisters all being of that persuasion. In the case of young women or girls entrusted to the care of the Rev. Mother there is no compulsion. They can either adopt Roman Catholicism or leave religion severely alone. They attend, with the other children, the morning and evening service in the neat little chapel inside the grounds, in which there are seats for over 400, and if they wish to be instructed the Sisters are, of course, willing to give them the why and wherefore for everything that attracts their attention. If after they have grasped the main truths of the Faith they wish to adopt it in its entirety they are baptised. Some of the children have grown up strong in the Faith, have donned the veil and are now ministering to their less fortunate countrywomen in Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. Many girls in their teens have lived months in the place and have been returned at their own wish to their parents, guardians, or owners without having adopted any religion. It is erroneous to suppose the main object of the establishment is to make "good Catholics" of all the inmates. That is not so. The Sisters' life work is the salvation of the helpless and needy, and by education and careful instruction in the codes of morality to so improve their minds and purify their hearts that they gladly do whatever their hands find to do with all their might, and shudder at the thought of the infamy and shame that might have been their lot. Thus the young women take a pleasure in their work, for they know that they are helping themselves to become useful members of society and also contributing to the support and elevation of hundreds of their less fortunate sisters. When fairly educated and thoroughly trained to become useful wives, husbands are found for them in Hongkong, and they are then taken out of the convent, married, and settle down in their new home among their own kind and kin. The influence and example of such women among their less civilised and uneducated countrywomen cannot fail to make for the improve-

ment and elevation of the ignorant masses in China. It may be that it is, as it were, only a drop in the ocean. Yet the seed has been and is still being scattered, and it is bound to bring forth fruit in due season.

"A being breathing thoughtful breath,
A traveller betwixt life and death;
The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength, and skill;
A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warm, to comfort, and to command;
And yet a spirit still, and bright,
With something of an angel's light."

Wordsworth's "True Woman."

From Sister Louise the following information was obtained:—In 1845 Monsignor Forcade arrived in Hongkong from France on his way to Japan. He remained here two years and then went home. He brought out four Sisters in 1848 and his own sister was the first Lady Superior of the little founding-house then opened. In 1860 one of the Sisters, from Saigon, who had large private means, bought property, the site on which stands the left or eastern wing, and in 1880, after some godowns were nearly burnt to the ground, she bought up the site, built the present fine premises and in 1884 they were formally opened. Since then necessary extensions and alterations have been made, and if they had the means these Sisters would extend the premises considerably with a view to meeting the ever-increasing requirements of their merciful mission. Foods, however, seem to come in very slowly for this good work and it is necessary to obtain from the parent organization in Paris, known as Oeuvres de la Sainte Enfance, an annual grant of 25,000 francs. Of late the Chinese—who have every reason to liberally support this institution—have come forward with annual subscriptions collected by Sister Macarie, who has been out here 35 years. The Reverend Mother Felicie has been in charge for 16 years. Sister Louise, her chief aide, has been in the establishment upwards of 17 years. The order to which these Sisters belong is known as Les Sœurs de Saint Paul de Chartres. Chartres, near Paris, is the headquarters and it may interest the charitably disposed to know that they can help the good work by sending presents of money, clothing, etc., etc., to the headquarters at Chartres or to the Convent situated on Praya East, Hongkong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An inquiry was held at the Magistracy, this forenoon, touching the death of the coolie who met his death by falling into the No. 1 dock at Kowloon. Evidence was heard, and the inquiry was adjourned.

The Ministry of the Interior in a recent report made to the Throne states that there are at present two hundred boys' and girls' schools of the lower grade in the city of Peking, containing a total of 16,182 boys and 771 girls.

It is reported in Nanning that a wealthy Kwangsi gentleman, named Chau, has offered the Governor about 300,000 taels per year for the monopoly of the Kwangsi opium trade. Chau is responsible for the "arming" out of the drug in the same way as the Hongkong "farmer" regulates his trade.

The Russian Minister of Communications has sent a Commission to examine the navigable channel of the western river Duna towards Dunaburg and Riga, and to work out a plan for connecting the Duna and the Dnieper as the first step in the construction of the proposed ship canal between the Baltic and the Black Sea.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow, Holy Communion will be administered at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer Service at 11 a.m., attended (weather permitting) by the Church Parade party of F. Company, Middlesex Regiment. There will be no Evening Service. The offertories will be in aid of the Church Maintenance Fund, which is in debt to the Treasurer and has large claims to meet this year.

The Trade Marks Regulations have been thoroughly revised and drawn up more in accordance with the requirements of the subject, and they will shortly be decided upon by the Ministry of Agriculture, Works and Commerce. It is reported that the Ministers of the various Powers in Peking have quite concurred in these regulations and have requested the Chinese Government to put them into force without delay.

At the audience granted by H.M. the King of Siam to the officers who brought the torpedo boat to Bangkok, His Majesty was pleased to confer the following decorations:—Order of the White Elephant, Fourth Class, Captain Kodra; Fifth Class, Lieut. Tona, Lieut. Yana, Lieut. Mayima, Lieut. Sanyama, sub-Lieut. Suzuki, sub-Lieut. Osaki, sub-Lieut. Kotisime; and sub-Lieut. Akasa. Order of the Crown of Siam, Fourth Class, Doctor Chimada.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—An Ordinance for the transfer of the properties of the Man Mo Temple to the Tung Wa Hospital; and an Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a supplementary sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-five cents, to defray the charges of the year 1907.

The *New-Ander Guardian* remarks: "No sane man has ever claimed that we need the 400,000 warriors whom conscription would call together just for self-protection. Nor, for that matter, will any sane man say that a navy like that of Great Britain, which is constantly having its effectiveness increased, is created just for self-protection."

COUNSEL on behalf of Harry K. Thaw on 8th August filed a petition in bankruptcy. Petitioner declares that all he has left is £2,500, whereas there are claims by lawyers and alienists against him amounting to £200,000, most of which he describes as unjust. A receiver has been appointed. Seen at Poughkeepsie Gaol, Thaw said that the proceedings were a business necessity to protect his just creditors. The defence had already cost £30,000.

THE Japanese porcelain industry has suffered severely since the depression set in, exports to America and to China falling off greatly, although prices have been reduced to tempt trade. Many factories have shut down, and others which continue in operation are scarcely making expenses. The trade in fine porcelain is peculiarly susceptible to changes from prosperity to dull times. Fine china is a luxury promptly dispensed with when adversity makes its appearance, but it is a great demand when times are good.

WHILE standing on a bed in the verandah of 331, Queen's Road West yesterday, a four-year-old child overbalanced and fell to the street—a distance of nearly thirty feet. The child was left by its mother in the verandah while she went to attend to her household duties. In her absence the child climbed up the bed, and in looking over slipped and fell. The unfortunate child when picked up was found to be suffering from a broken right leg and injuries about the head. The police had it removed to hospital, where it now lies in a serious condition.

Two men were killed almost instantly yesterday by the collapse of part of the scaffolding which encircled the new law court building. The scaffolding, it would appear, was erected for the purpose of raising huge blocks of granite. It was while hoisting operations were in progress that the collapse took place, the scaffolding being unable to stand the weight. Two coolies who were standing immediately below were struck by the falling poles. The police were notified, but before ambulances could arrive both men expired. Their remains were sent to the mortuary for burial.

ACCORDING to a Tokyo message to the *Asahi*, it has been decided that the grand naval review, which is to conclude the autumn manoeuvres, shall be held off Kobe. This decision, it is said, will not be changed unless there should be an epidemic at the port. It will be recalled, says the *Kobe Herald*, that a great naval review was held there by His Majesty the Emperor on Good Friday, 1903, an event to which the hills behind the town bear permanent witness, the huge anchor there cut in the turf to commemorate the review having been since planted with small pines, which serve to define the outlines of the "anchor" most clearly.

A REPORT prepared by Colonel W. Heuer, U.S.A., and Luther Wagoner, engineers engaged in planning harbour improvements for greater San Francisco, will recommend the expenditure of \$12,284,195 on this work. The engineers also will recommend the issuance of seventy-five-year bonds. The principal feature of the report is the recommendation that Yerba Buena Island be purchased from the Government and graded to an even level of ten feet above high water. This would give 600 acres of ground for railroad terminal facilities connecting with the Alameda shore by a steel bridge, bringing the terminals within a mile and a half of the city.

OWING to lack of funds to construct the various railways under proposal and to carry out the necessary reforms, the Peking Government intends to conclude a number of loans with the wealthy Chinese merchants in the South Pacific Islands. It is stated that the lenders shall be treated exactly in the same manner as the British and Chinese Corporation and other syndicates that have lent money to the Chinese Government. It is further stated that the latter has declared that if any one can persuade the Chinese merchants in those islands to lend money to it, he will be highly rewarded. It is reported that Prince Tsai-Chen may possibly be sent down South to contract the loans required.

A DISPATCH from the Capital states that a full meeting of members of the Waiwupu was held in that Ministry on the 1st instant, to consider the claims of the French Government with reference to the alleged killing of certain French officers and soldiers by Yunnan troops during the recent insurrection in that province. It will be remembered that a body of armed Chinese came into conflict at that time with some Annamite soldiers on the frontier, resulting in the death of some of the latter. The Tongkin Government declares that the armed Chinese in question were Government troops who had entered French territory in their hunt after revolutionists (anti-monarchists). This is denied by the Chinese authorities who claim that there were no Government troops anywhere near the spot of the alleged fighting, and that, therefore, the outrage must have been committed by anti-monarchists, so as to get the Yunnan authorities into trouble with the French Government. This matter has been brought before the Ministers of the Waiwupu who have had several discussions with the object of closing the incident, but so far, we hear, without much success, opinions being strongly divided. Among the Ministers in question—N. C. D. New.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Hotel, at noon to-day, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1908, with the report of the directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the meeting. Dr. J. W. Noble (chairman of directors) presided, and there were present Messrs. W. Hutton-Potts (director), S. A. Seth, Ellis Kadoorie, D. E. Haskell, B. S. Kadoorie, E. J. Chapman, J. Arnold, W. E. Clarke, M. S. Northcote, and C. Mooney (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—I will, with your permission, follow the usual custom and take the report and statement of accounts as read. The statement which has been in your hands for some days calls for no special comment excepting perhaps the slight innovation of placing in a conspicuous place thereon a statement of the working capital of the company. The figures have been culled from those which appear under the heading of liabilities in the balance sheet now before you. It is upon the sum of \$1,937,929.1 that the dividend has been earned and not, as many suppose, on the capital of \$500,000 contributed by the shareholders. It is only book-keeping made easy for those who will not take the trouble to look carefully into the figures placed before them, and requires no further explanation. During the period under review the business of the company has, in common with business generally in the Colony, been very dull, and our revenue less than for the corresponding period of last year. That your profit is greater is due entirely to economies effected and not to any increase in the receipts. Since last we met plans have been prepared and contracts signed for the removal of that portion of the Hotel known as the Old Building and the erection on the site made available of a new, modern up-to-date hotel building, the framework of which will be of steel. This framework we hope to have erected and in position by the 27th of May next and the entire building completed as per contract fifteen months later. That part of our property known as the East Wing, a portion of the verandah of which collapsed in the summer of 1907, and from which the entire front portion will be removed, is now being thoroughly renovated and repaired and should soon be in first class order and ready for use in our business. To carry out all this work we must have money. Some years ago we issued \$500,000 of Mortgage Debenture Bonds. These will be recalled and bonds of similar nature given in exchange. The new issue however will be for \$750,000 instead of \$500,000, with the exception of this change all the terms and conditions will be identical. The new issue will be made on the 31st of December next. The exchange will be effected through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. A new issue of share capital will also be made, and to this you will be asked to subscribe later on when a special meeting will be called to discuss and decide the terms of the issue at which time full particulars of this increase will be laid before you for your consideration and approval. We have purposely postponed the calling up of the fresh capital so that it may be unproductive for the shortest possible period of time. Just when it will begin to contribute as a dividend earning power it is impossible for me to say. I can only give you the dates specified in the contracts and those of you who are familiar with building operations in Hongkong know, and better than I can tell you, how misleading it is to insert a clause in a building contract specifying when the work shall be completed and also as a rule what a large it is to insert a penalty clause of so many dollars a day payable for non-performance of the terms of the contract. To illustrate the fallacy of inserting dates in contracts I will cite a case in point; we are, as you doubtless know, about to alter the main entrance on Pedder Street. The contract for the completion of this work was seven weeks from the signing of the contract in July last; three weeks were allowed the contractor to prepare all his materials and a further period of four weeks—seven in all—to place them in position and complete the job. To-day, the 27th of September, is the date arranged for the completion of this work excepting, of course, the tilting, which has not yet arrived from England. Had we met yesterday instead of to-day I would have said: As you entered the building to-day you should have been able to pass judgment on what had been done; you of course observed nothing. If any thing has been done at all it is certainly not visible. To-day this does not apply, as scaffolding is now being erected. And yet the contract time expires to-day! When it will be completed we don't know. The East Wing will also be finished far behind the contract time. When it will be completed we don't know. It would appear that clauses in these contracts are the trust promises made only to be broken. The penalty clause seems also to be inserted with no idea of its ever being enforced though the clause reads: "time is the essence of this contract." A hollow mockery. In view of this example you will observe the difficulty one labourer in endeavouring to fix a time for the completion of any work in hand. Were the time clauses insisted upon and the penalties enforced, a different state of affairs would exist and the result would be more satisfactory to those who are compelled to build. And I would certainly advise no one to build in this Colony unless compelled. Gentlemen, I shall be pleased to answer any questions before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions,

The Chairman proposed that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. Clarke seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, seconded by Mr. Chapman, Dr. J. W. Noble was re-elected to the Directorship.

Mr. Seth proposed and Mr. Haskell seconded that Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, that concludes the business of the meeting. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday, on application to the secretary.

The meeting then ended.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

TWO BATTALIONS FOR KWANGTUNG.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 11th September.

The Ministry of War directs that two battalions of infantry be raised in Kwangtung Province within a period of three years [in connection with the scheme for the reorganization of the Army].

Viceroy Chang Jen-chun, of the Liangkwan, has replied that, owing to an insufficiency of funds in the Provincial treasury, it is impracticable to recruit the soldiers required for two battalions within that time.

His Excellency urges that an extension of time be granted.

A NAVAL BOARD.

FORMATION DEFERRED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 11th September.

H.E. Tieh Liang, president of the Ministry of War, has decided to await the complete formation of thirty-six battalions of infantry for all the Provinces within the Empire before taking steps to create a Board whose special duty it will be to conduct affairs in connection with the proposed reorganised Navy.

TIENTSIN-PUKOU RAILWAY.

SUPERINTENDENT DENOUNCED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 11th September.

H.E. Lui Hoy Wan, superintendent of the Tientsin-Pukou Railway, has been denounced by a certain Censor for having indiscriminately employed foreign engineers in the construction of the railroad.

In a memorial the Censor urged that an investigation be instituted by a special commissioner deputed to that end.

H.E. Lui Hoy Wan, Director-General of the Tientsin-Pukou Railway, arrived in Tientsin from Peking on last inst. to confer with Viceroy Yang. He will leave Tientsin for Peking within the next few days to inspect the site selected for the construction of the iron bridge over the Yellow River. For the purpose of saving time, freight and other expenses, H.E. Lui intends to purchase all the materials required for the construction of this and other bridges on the northern section of the Railway in China and has deputed several engineers to visit the Peiyang Iron Works, the Te-Chou Arsenal and the dock-yards at Taku in order to find out whether the materials can be manufactured by them.

RIOT IN ANHUI.

POLICE STATION DEMOLISHED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] An-king, 11th September.

There has been a conflict between soldiers and the police in An-king, capital of Anhui Province.

In the rioting which ensued, the soldiers demolished the police station.

All the trades people in the city have closed up their shops.

FRENCH GUNBOATS IN KIAOCHOW BAY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 11th September.

The French gunboats which entered Kiaochow Bay some time ago have not yet withdrawn therefrom.

The Waiwupu has made representations to M. Babel, the French Minister, with a view of securing the French war vessels' departure from those waters.

Telegrams.

Germany's Finances.

LONDON, 20th September.
An official statement, which has been published in Berlin, dwells on the urgency for reform in the Imperial finances which now show a deficit of 22½ millions sterling, being an increase of a hundred millions since 1900.

Bills are to be introduced providing for the gradual redemption of the debt and rigid administrative economies.

New taxation is inevitable, and it foreshadows increased death duties, taxes on luxuries, artificial light, and unearned incomes.

Later.

A Royal Miscarriage.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland had a miscarriage on Saturday.

Her condition is favourable.

Launch of a Battleship.

H.M.S. *St. Vincent* of 19,250 tons displacement, the heaviest of the *Dreadnought* class, has been launched at Portsmouth.

The Glasgow Unemployed.

Three thousand of the Glasgow unemployed met in St. George's Square and carried out their threatened midnight march.

Inflammatory speeches being made, they were dispersed by the police, but afterwards reformed, shouting and singing. They subsequently fell into an ambush of mounted police lying around the Lord Provost's house, batons being used freely, and many sent to hospital.

All the police have been called out, and the leave of soldiers stopped.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

We are officially informed that, at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders of this Bank, held at the head office, Yokohama, on the 10th instant, it was resolved to pay a dividend of 12½ per centum for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1908 to add to the reserve fund Yen 500,000, and to carry forward the sum of Yen 1,113,000 to the next account.

NAVIGATION ON THE HUANGPU.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST JAPANESE SHIPMASTERS.

In a letter addressed to the editor of the *N. C. Daily News* on 4th inst., Mr. John C. Broadhurst writes:—The numerous questions involved in your issue of to-day, about "Navigation on the Huangpu" over the signature of one of our most experienced and careful pilots is not capable of thorough investigation and discussion within the space one can reasonably expect, even on such a subject, from a newspaper. I must, therefore, confine myself to a summary of the position generally, as it is well known to the mercantile marine of this port but is little dreamed of by those whose business has no concern with the safe navigation of the Huangpu.

I have acted as wharfinger for Messrs. Butfield & Swire, for the past ten years, I consider myself competent fully to endorse what Capt. Carmichael says about a Japanese Master's capacity for getting his ship into trouble, running down, and into ships, wharves or piers. It is not sufficient for them that they are ignorant of their business as shipmasters, but when bringing their vessels alongside or taking them away, they pay no regard whatever to any orders they may receive, generally with disastrous results; if not, with a large amount of loss of time and unnecessary work. But the worst feature in their method of procedure is the unfair way in which their trade is conducted.

It is a notorious and well known fact that many of these Japanese steamers come to the Bell Buoy and anchor until a cozier or other steamer which has taken a pilot comes along, when they promptly get under weigh and follow the other steamer in. This does very well until they get to Woosung, from which point they are obliged to navigate the Huangpu alone, thereby becoming a danger to themselves and all concerned, as, generally speaking, they know little or nothing of the inner river, the rule of the road or anything else that goes towards the safe handling of shipping. Captain Carmichael's example of two collisions and a stranding in twenty minutes is doubtless a record. I, myself, saw one steamer come into Moji, let go her anchor, part her chain, and near cut another ship in two. Shortly after, another vessel did the same, and cut the first one down sinking her with quite a number of horses, which were, of course, drowned. There was no necessity for any of these disasters, they were simply the result of inexperience and ignorance of the first rudiments of seamanship. But then Moji is in Japan, and they do not seem to mind trifles of this kind, as the place is strewn with wrecks from collision. It is, therefore, in the hope of preventing a similar state of affairs on the Huangpu that I am now pressing on your notice. But before closing, I would suggest that you throw open the columns of the *North China Daily News*, for a full discussion of this important and interesting topic, in the hope that the authorities will ultimately take such action as will tend to the safe navigation of the waters of the port. As many of the shipmasters, who, I know, would be willing to write on this subject, are precluded from doing so over their own names, by their employers, etc., the use of a *nom de plume*, under your able supervision, would be a great guarantee to the public of their proficiency or experience to warrant their giving an opinion on this subject.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO HOWARTH-BEAKING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 11th September.
Messrs. Howarth, Beaking, & Co., of Shanghai, have entered into a contract with the Chinese officials for the reconstruction of the Tien Tse Wharf on the new bund opposite the Dutch Folly. It is specified in the contract that the wharf is to be one of 152 feet by 72 feet and is to be built of steel. The bid for the work is \$8,000 (£80,000).

TAOTAI WEN.

Taotai Wen Tsung Yau, the newly-appointed Imperial Assistant Resident Minister to Lhasa, left here on the 9th instant, for his native district of Sunning on a home visit to his parents before proceeding to take up his new appointment. On receipt of telegraphic instructions from Peking urging him to proceed to his new post without delay, Taotai Wen has been busily engaged in preparing to hand over charge of the secretariat of Foreign Affairs; it is expected that he will start on his overland journey about the beginning of next moon.

ANTI-OPIMUM REGULATIONS.

The anti-opium regulations recently revised by the Provincial Treasurer, the Judge and the Shan Hou Chu and Police officials and passed by the Viceroy respecting the licensing of opium smokers and of prepared opium dealers in Canton, will be brought into force on the 1st day of the ninth moon.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

On receipt of a letter from the Chinese community in Victoria, Canada, urging the people not to emigrate to the Dominion, owing to the levy of heavy poll taxes there, the Shan Hou Chu has issued a proclamation embodying the contents of the letter for the information of the people. Instructions have been given to the officials in the different districts also to inform the natives accordingly.

ADMIRAL LI CHUN.

H.E. Viceroy Chang has on several occasions recommended Li Chun, the present Acting Admiral, to be made substantive Admiral of the Kwangtung province *vice* Sa Chun Ping, as the latter is about to be given a post at the capital.

NEW RECRUITS PUNISHED.

Yesterday two newly-enlisted soldiers were charged for absenting themselves without leave and were sentenced to one month's imprisonment each by the military authorities.

NANNING.

ARMY AND CUSTOMS.

Writing under date 12th ult., the Nanning correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* says:—Arrangements have been made for the erection of a military college here. The money has been found and the scheme is materializing rapidly. Accommodation is to be provided for eight thousand students, who will come from all parts of China and receive practical and theoretical instruction. They have chosen a good site for the former.

The Imperial Maritime Customs is known as the San-Kwan (New Customs), a much better name than Yang-Kwan (Foreign Customs). There are three Foreigners on the "New Customs" Staff, who are carrying on their difficult work with great skill, and the people are getting accustomed to the new Barrier.

There are no Consulates yet at the port, and the Commercial Reservation is still an unoccupied area, save that the Commissioner lives in the official house which was built in the centre of the Reservation by the promoters of the Reservation scheme. This young treaty port promises to become a very important centre and deserves the encouragement of all classes of society.

AN EXCITING RESCUE.

AT SEA IN AN OPEN BOAT.

The s.s. *Anglin*, Captain Kumpel, which arrived from Swatow yesterday morning with 829 Chinese immigrants, while off the Eao Tai Kou light-house on the 23rd instant, came across a life boat with two Frenchmen and nine Annamites on board reports the *Siam Observer* of 29th ult. The men were light-house keepers and boatmen belonging to the light-house who got out to go to Pulo Condor for provisions. The lifeboat, however, went adrift and when picked up the men had been without food for four days, with the exception of a tin of sardines, some biscuits and a bottle of claret. The Captain of the *Anglin* landed them at Pulo Condor and proceeded on his voyage. The Captain states that the boat had drifted 84 miles out to sea. There had been a very strong south west monsoon and bad weather. The *Anglin* took 24 days over a voyage which is usually accomplished in six or seven days.

GOLF.

The monthly competition for the Captain's Cup was played at Happy Valley between September 5th and September 7th. The following cards were returned:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

A. W. J. Watt	86—12	74
Commander Penfold	93—18	75
A. N. Paxton	95—18	77
C. E. H. Beavis	82—3	79

POOL.

H. P. Thomas	96—18	78
C. E. H. Beavis	82—3	79

* Winner of Cup. † Winner of Pool.

BANGKOK now boasts of several motor-vans which appear to be kept busy while the old pony luggage vans are fast disappearing. The motor-vans can perform six journeys, where the pony-drawn vehicle could only go once daily.

EVADING STAMP DUTIES.

WARNING TO CHINESE MERCHANTS.

The following notification appears in the *Gazette* over the signature of the Registrar General:—
The Governor has directed me to point out to the Chinese merchants that very frequently receipts, bills of lading, ship's receipts and other documents are not properly stamped as required by law. It should be remembered that the stamp duties collected by the Government are devoted to the benefit of the Colony. Without such taxes it would not be possible to police the Colony, create water works, build roads, hospitals, telephon relays, &c. Considering the fact that what is collected in this Colony is spent for the welfare of the Colony, all merchants ought gladly to pay such duties as may be required by the Government. To do otherwise is to defraud the Colony and prove themselves to be bad citizens—besides breaking the law—and delaying the Government. Now this law must be enforced, and all merchants are hereby warned that all their receipts, &c. which involve a sum of \$5 or more must each bear a 5 cents stamp, and that bills of lading and ship's receipts (among which are included receipts by chop in a chop book) must be stamped with a 10 cents stamp if the freight is less than \$5 and with a 20 cents stamp when the freight is \$5 or more. Anyone who continues to disobey this law will be rigorously punished.

SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. write in their weekly share list of to-day's date:—A much firmer feeling prevailed in our market during the week under review, investing orders coming in to some extent, and a fair business has been transacted in a few stocks, while quite a number of stocks have improved in value. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 105/16d., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 75½ for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 75½ for a three days' sight Private Draft, the rate on Shanghai on this for a three days' sight Private Bill being Tls. 75. Bar silver in London is quoted at 15/16d., and Consols 88½. The Bank of England rate of discount is 2½ per cent., while the private rate of discount is 1½ per cent.

Bank Shares.—Following a further advance in London 280, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have got strong, and a fair business has been done at rates ranging between 75½ and 76½, the market closing with buyers at the higher rate. In Shanghai shares sold at \$78½, at an exchange of 73. Nationals are unchanged with buyers at \$5½.

Marine Insurance Shares.—Unions have advanced to buyers at \$760, after a sale of \$755. Y. Inters are quiet at 1160. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

Fire Insurance Shares.—Hongkong have improved slightly, and there are buyers at \$37½. Chong, after sales at \$93, can be placed at \$93½.

Shipping Shares.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been done at \$2½, and more shares are wanted. Indo-China are unchanged; China and Manila have sellers at \$15. Toughest are weak with sellers at \$36.

Star Ferries sold at \$14½ for old and at \$15 for new, the latter issue continuing in demand. Shell Transports sold at 45 shillings, the London rate being 45s. 6d. The last mail from London brought the information that, after all, the final dividend of 1s. on account of 1907 and the interim dividend of 1s. on account of 1908, have both been paid on coupon No. 10, so that coupon No. 11 remains available for the next dividend.

Union Waterboats have sellers at \$10½.

Refineries.—Unchanged and without sales.

Mining Shares.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Rauba are weak with sellers at \$7½, after a sale at \$7; the *Hongkong Telegraph* of 9th instant, prints the mining manager's report for the four weeks ended 15th ultimo. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares are firm with buyers at Tls. 16½; the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ended 22nd ultimo, amounted to 20,065 tons of coal, and the sales during the same period to 22,344 tons.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks after small sales at \$97, are on offer at \$96. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold at \$48 and \$49, closing with buyers. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are easier with sellers at Tls. 167½. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are easier with sellers at \$94. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$80. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged, no sales being reported.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have receded to Tls. 59 and Internationals to Tls. 61; other Shanghai stocks are unchanged. Hongkong Cottons have been sold at \$11.

Sunday Manufacturing Companies.—Hongkong Electric sold at \$17, and are in demand now at \$17½. Bell's Asbestos have buyers at 7½. Dairy Farms changed hands at \$10½ and \$10, and are in request at \$10½. Large lines of Green Island Cements changed owners at \$10, and the market is strong at that figure. Ropes sold at \$24. United Asbestos have buyers at \$12½ per share for ordinary shares, ex the dividend of 80 cents per share, and the founders have buyers at \$130, ex the dividend of \$19.80 per share; paid on 8th instant. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged.

Miscellaneous.—China Providents have been done and are wanted at \$9½. Campbell Moore & Co. have sellers at \$9; this Company, by resolution passed on the 21st ultimo, and confirmed on 7th instant, abolished the post of secretary, as well as directors, replacing them by a general manager to which purpose the articles of association have been altered. South China Morning Post shares have buyers at \$24. Landries sold at \$5½. Watkins sellers at \$5. Watsons buyers at \$9; and Wm. Powell's buyers at \$4; the latter Company's shares have now been reduced to a face value of \$7 per share. In other stocks under this heading nothing has transpired and quotations remain the same as given last.

THE PROGRESS OF CHINA.

SIGNS OF ADVANCEMENT IN NATIONAL IDEALS.

Peking, July 10.

Apart from the anti-opium movement and the trend of Chinese opinion in the direction of Western learning, there are several visible signs just now, less well known to the outside world, that the Government of the Flower Land is genuinely set on a policy of advancement.

First of all the Chinese army, for which there is so much material, is being drilled under foreign guidance by Yuan Shi Kai until it is attaining a state of efficiency that is startling to those who have been absent from China for a considerable time.

Then there is the movement for a Constitution, and serious consideration is being devoted to the question by the Emperor, the Empress Dowager, and their advisers, by the light of reports sent by Chinese Commissioners now in countries governed according to constitutional ideas.

But beyond these matters, there are several others that are proof of the new spirit that is ruling in Peking. Under Imperial instructions, T'ieh Liang, President of the Ministry of War, has urged all Viceroy and Governors of the various coast provinces to secure systematic surveys of the islands along the coast, in order to facilitate naval movements and the determination of bases for the use of the navy. Maps thus produced are being filed at the Ministry of War for use when the scheme for the resuscitation of the Chinese navy is sufficiently advanced.

HALLS FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS.

Moreover, in order to bring to Peking an accurate idea of public opinion in the provinces, the Viceroy and Governors of provinces have been ordered to establish meeting halls in their yamens, where the local gentry and local leaders may discuss provincial affairs and matters of national interest, and may hear from the provincial treasurers, the provincial judge, and other officials what reforms are projected. The outcome of these discussions is to be reported on to the Government in Peking.

Education is already attracting the attention of all the provincial officials. Several provincial schools have been closed of late, especially in southern provinces that have been devastated by floods and pestilence; owing to the impoverished condition of the local gentry. The Board of Education has instructed the Commissioners of Education to report on the efficiency and utility of the schools, and, wherever the investigations are satisfactory, appropriations will be made to enable them to be reopened on a basis of adequate equipment.

The one thing that is at present conspicuously lacking is a reform of the judicial system. Time and again enlightened Chinese and foreigners admitted to be friends of China have urged that the present corrupt and inefficient system should be abolished and replaced by a modern and trustworthy system, but the difficulty of the question and the pressure of the office-holders have sufficed to delay action. Now, however, it is reported on good authority that Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister in Washington, has been commissioned to draw up a scheme.

NEW INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHED.

Not only the Government proving reluctant to undertake commercial enterprises. The Shan-tung provincial bureau of industries has started a soap factory at Tsauchofu, with a Japanese-trained Chinese as manager, and the enterprise has proved so successful that other factories are to be started on the same lines. The natives, believing that the use of the new soap is essential to the modern spirit, are clamouring for supplies to a degree far beyond the expectations of the official promoters of the soap industry.

The Board of Finance is starting a paper mill in Peking to be run by the director of the Upeh Government Paper Works. The Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce is sending a commission to the islands of the southern ocean with a view to interesting the merchants in a scheme for a mail-carrying line of Volunteer vessels to be used as a transport service in time of war. To this scheme the Peking authorities attach great importance. In addition to these schemes, there are others for encouraging cotton and other manufactures with official assistance, either national or provincial.

These and many other signs, small in themselves, but highly important in the aggregate, indicate strongly that the Chinese people are seriously tackling their problems, the successful solving of which will lead them to that high state of development so emphatically predicted by Sir Robert Hart and other students of Oriental affairs.—*Pail Mall Gazette*.

BANGKOK'S FOREIGN TRADE.

FIGURES FOR AUGUST.

The usual interesting return showing the number and tonnage of foreign steamers which called at Bangkok last month has been issued.

Flag.	No.	Tonnage.
German	33	31,190
Norwegian	17	11,006
British	7	6,799
Danish	1	1,813
Swedish	1	989
French	2	752
Dutch	2	339
	60	55,788

THE German Navy League is greatly exercised over the alleged activity in Japanese naval circles, and in a recent report says that the naval force of that country will be third in point of strength in 1910 or 1911. The Navy League seems to have adopted Kaiser William's opinion that there is a yellow peril; or perhaps it is adding to her naval strength to face the Germans to imitate the Japanese plan. Such devices are not unknown in countries where the abiding question is military strength.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING (Messrs. Sheehan, Tomes & Co.'s Office) on THURSDAY, the 17th September, at 5:30 P.M.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [834]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship.

"SILESIA."

Captain von Hoff having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be loaded at Consignees' risk into the hold and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst., at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1908. [835]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

THURSDAY,

the 17th September, 1908, at 2:30 P.M., at their

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [836]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

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FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

FRIDAY,

the 18th September, 1908, at 5:30 P.M., off

Ab. King's Slipway, Wharf,

The Cruiser "DASWIN,"

recently thoroughly overhauled, Length 42 feet, Breadth 10 feet 1 inch, Depth 4 feet, Iron Keel and Ballast and is fitted with Lockers in place of Bunks, Room in Cabin for four Camp Beds. Quite fast and is a useful Shooting Boat.

TERMS:—As usual.

For further particulars, apply to—

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [837]

VOLUNTEER CONCERT.

A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT

will be held on the VOLUNTEER

PARADE GROUND at 9.15 P.M. TO-NIGHT,

the 12th September, 1908.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O., the Band of the 3rd Middlesex Regt. will attend.

The following ladies and gentlemen have kindly consented to assist:—Mrs. G. H. Edwards, The Misses Beth, Messrs. G. H. Edwards, P. W. Goldring, Walter Benedetto, Ivan Caryll, G. W. H. Hannibal.

Tickets 2s and 1s can be obtained from Volunteer Headquarters and Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.

A. CHAPMAN, Lt.-Col., Commandant H.K. Vol. Corps.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [838]

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held on Tuesday next at 5.45 p.m. when the following business will be transacted:—

Correspondence relative to an outbreak of rinderpest among the cattle imported from Kwong Chau Wan.

Report of committee appointed to consider the methods for promoting the keeping of cats as a measure for plague prevention.

Report of committee appointed to report on offensive trade of fat boiling in Clarence Terrace.

Correspondence relative to the contract for the supply of dust carts.

Correspondence relative to the contract for the supply of labour and material for the plague cemetery at Cheung Sha Wan.

Correspondence relative to the contract for the supply of labour for disinfecting and cleaning houses.

Correspondence relative to minimising the breeding of anopheles mosquito as an anti-malarial procedure.

Correspondence relative to latrines in backyards.

Application for a modification of the regulations of section 153 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903-1908, in respect of No. 11 Arbutnot Road.

Report of analysis on the public water supply for the month of August, 1908.

Monthly return from Macao for the week ending August 24th and 31st, 1908.

Monthly statistics for the week ending August 24th, 1908.

2nd return for the week ending September 1st and 15th, 1908.

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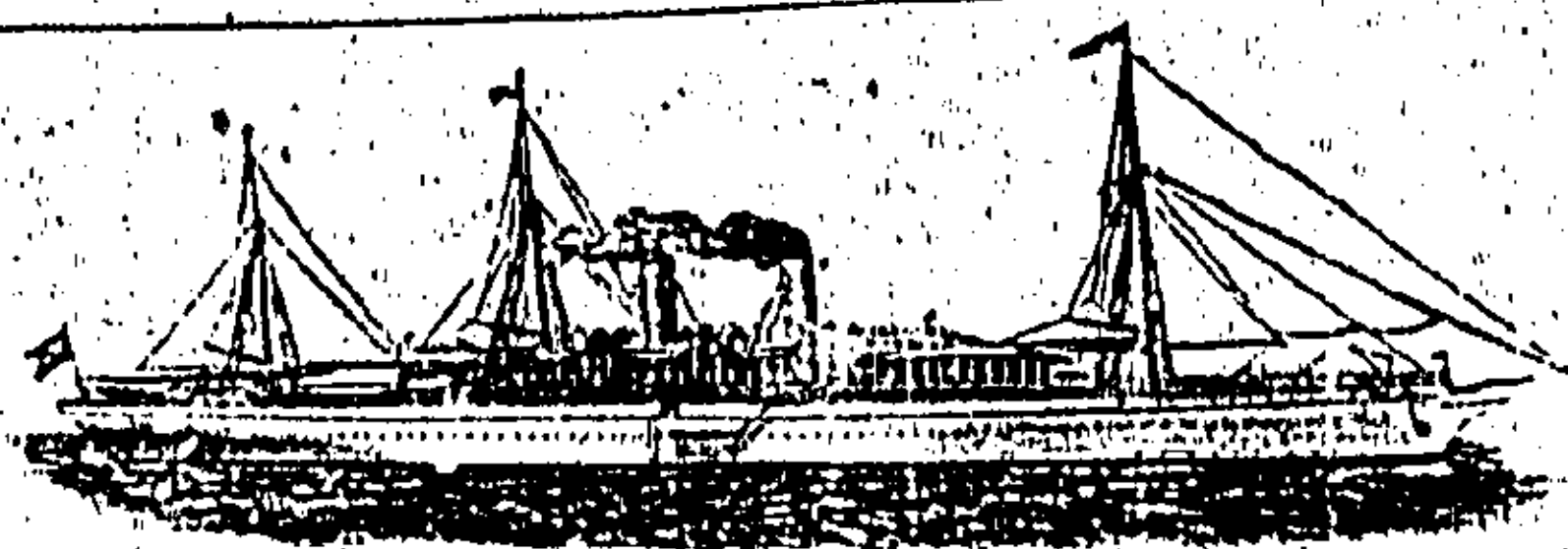
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"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....6,000.....	SATURDAY, Nov. 7th.....Nov. 28th
"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....6,000.....	SATURDAY, Nov. 28th.....Dec. 19th
"MONTEAGLE".....6,163.....	SATURDAY, Dec. 12th.....Jan. 5th, 1909.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For Steamship On	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO.....	"KWONGSANG".....	MONDAY, 14th Sept., Noon.
TIENSIN VIA TSINGTAU, WEI.....	"CHISHING".....	TUESDAY, 15th Sept., Noon.
HAIRUI AND CHENG.....	"CHISHING".....	TUESDAY, 15th Sept., 1 P.M.
SWATOW, PENANG & CALUTTA.....	"CHOWSANG".....	WEDNESDAY, 16th Sept., Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.....	"CHOWSANG".....	WEDNESDAY, 16th Sept., 1 P.M.
MANILA.....	"CHOWSANG".....	FRIDAY, 18th Sept., 4 P.M.
MANILA.....	"LOONGSANG".....	FRIDAY, 25th Sept., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI.....	"KUTSANG".....	FRIDAY, 25th Sept., 4 P.M.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

Occurring 34 Days.

The steamers "Kutsang," "Namang" and "Fookang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

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† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers. Telephone No. 611. Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [10]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SAMARANG & SOURABAYA.....	"LAMINGTON".....	15th Sept., Noon.
SHANGHAI.....	"KIUKIANG".....	15th " 4 P.M.
ORBU & ILOILO.....	"KAIKONG".....	17th " "
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUS-TRALIA.....	"TAIYUAN".....	10th Oct., "

MANILA and TIENSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon.

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Reduced Saloon Fares, Single and Return, to Manila and Australia.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. Telephone No. 36. Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [13]



HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon and Staterooms—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewards carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tonn.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI.....	2540	Almond.....	MANILA	SATURDAY, 19th Sept., at Noon.
ZAFIRO.....	2540	R. Rodger.....	"	SATURDAY, 26th Sept., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS. Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [11]

Shipping—Steamers.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"VILLE DE LA CIOTAT"

Captain C. Barillon, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

P. NALIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 7th September, 1908. [14]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN"

Captain J. W. Evans, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P.M.

A reduction of 20% on First Class Fares to Fochow will be made during the Month of September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 11th September, 1908. [14]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"ALDENHAM"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th inst., at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. [15]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE

Connecting at Tacoma with

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Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, VIA

KEELUNG, MOI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, SHIMIDZU AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer Tonn. Captain. Sailing date

"Jauric".....4,789.....Boyd.....20th Sept.

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Steerage passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents. Queen's Buildings. Hongkong, 26th August, 1908. [16-20]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR NEW YORK:

S.S. "SHIMOSA".....10th Oct.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 8th September, 1908. [18-20]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG TUNG".....Capt. H. W. WALKER.

"KWONG SAI".....Capt. E. S. CROWE.

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong at 5.30 every evening, (Sunday excepted).

These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout by Electricity, Electric Fans in First Class Cabins.

Passage Fare—Single Journey.....\$4.

Meals.....\$1.25 each

The Company's Wharf is situated in front of the New Western Market, opposite the old Harbour Office.

YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD., and

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., No. 2, Queen's Road West. Hongkong, 1st Sept. 1908. [21]

Shipping—Steamers.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"MALTA"

Captain H. Powell, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for COLOMBO, MARSEILLES and LONDON, on SATURDAY, the 19th September, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. "India," 8,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed direct by the R.M.S. "Malta," due in London on 26th October, 1908.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 9th September, 1908. [17]

HONGKONG, NEW YORK & BOSTON.

AMERICAN-ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at the MALABAR COAST.)

THE Steamship

"INDRAMAYO"

on 21st September, at 5 P.M.

For freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 4th September, 1908. [17-18]

Intimations

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon Every 15 minutes.

12.00 noon to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Every 15 minutes.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SPECIAL CARS BY ARRANGEMENT at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 4th June, 1907. [19]

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A BROKEN-DOWN SYSTEM

This is a condition of disease to which doctors give many names, but which few of them really understand. It is simply weakness—a break-down, as it were, of the vital force that sustains the system. No matter what may be its cause (for they are almost numberless), its symptoms are much the same: the more prominent being sleeplessness, loss of appetite, nervousness, depression of spirits and want of energy for all the ordinary affairs of life. Now, what is absolutely essential in all such cases is to increase vitality—VITALITY STRENGTH & ENERGY

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See a new existence imparted in place of what had so lately seemed worn-out, and devoid of value. This wonderful medicine is purely vegetable and innocuous, it is agreeable to the taste, and it is suitable for all conditions, in either sex; and it is difficult to imagine a case of disease or debility, whose main features are those of debility, that will not be speedily and permanently benefited by this never-failing recuperative essence, which is destined to cast into oblivion everything that had preceded it for ill.

Widespread and numerous cases of illness are attested.

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Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the light house.

F. G. YIP, Dispense. 19th Sept. 1907. [19-20]

WEATHER-FORCAST AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and 1/2 U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. "Tamar," Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. "Tamar."

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT	LAST DIVIDEND	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000	\$1,005,774	Interim of £1 for first half year @ ex 1/9 = \$21.042	5 1/2	\$76 1/2 buyers London £20
National Bank of China, Limited	90,925	£7	£6	\$4,000	\$10,223	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	...	\$50
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000	none	\$20 for 1906	9 1/2	\$215
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	\$1,500,000	Tls. 204,424	Interim of 7/6 ex 2 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2	Fl. 6 1/2 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$3,000,000	\$2,506,011	Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1906 and Interim of \$50 for 1907	5 1/2	\$76 1/2 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$1,000,000	\$591,763	\$12 and bonus \$5 for 1906	9 1/2	\$107 1/2 sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000	\$,724,432	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	8 1/2	\$93 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000	\$,428,027	\$27 for 1906	8 1/2	\$315 buyers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,500	\$1,035	\$1 for 1906	...	\$15
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$5,000	Nil.	\$4 for year ending 30.6.1907	10 1/2	\$38
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$12,000	\$17,755	\$1 1/2 for first half-year ending 30.6.08.	8 1/2	\$27 1/2 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	\$10,000	£13,755	6 1/2 for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3.154	5 1/2	\$35
do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	\$10,000	£13,755	Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for account 1908	7 1/2	Tls. 47 sellers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Final of 1/1 (No. 10 making 3/1 for 1907 and Interim of 1/1 (No. 11) for a/c 19 8	7 1/2	Tls. 51 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	\$2,000,000	\$63,817	\$1.00 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 1/2	\$25
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$10,000	\$98	\$0.50 for year ending 30.4.1908	3 1/2	\$15
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 1/2	45 buyers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$2,000,000	Dr. \$279,371	\$8 for year ending 31.12.07	...	\$37
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$700,000	Dr. \$135,131	\$4 for 1907	...	\$32
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,171	Tls. 1 (8 1/2) for year ending 31.8.06	...	Tls. 90 sellers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000	£11,556	Interim of 1/6 (No. 10 for account 1908	7 1/2	Tls. 16
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	\$150,000	Dr. £1,191	No. 12 of 1/1 = 48 cents	...	\$7 1/2
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Gen.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$15	\$15	\$270,000	\$3,726	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$15
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000	\$3,556	Final of 1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1907	7 1/2	\$49 ea. and b.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$2,500,000	\$84,817	Interim of \$4 for account 1907	8 1/2	\$96
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 33,742	Final of Tls. 2 1/2 making 5 Tls. 5 for year ending 30.4.08	6 1/2	Tls. 85
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 22,626	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	10 1/2	Tls. 167 1/2 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 2,500,000	Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 1/2	Tls. 10 sales
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$750,000	Dr. \$44,000	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07	...	16 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$751,845	\$9,178	\$1.50 for 1906	...	312 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$600,000	\$14,939	Interim of \$3 1/2 for account 1908	9 1/2	\$77 ex div.
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$5,000,000	\$30,915	Interim of \$3 1/2 for account 1908	7 1/2	\$94
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,500,000	\$4,621	70 cents for 1907	7 1/2	\$91
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$300,000	\$652	\$1 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2	\$27
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,700,000	Tls. 107,547	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1908	7 1/2	Tls. 116 1/2 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$625,000	\$1,541	Interim of \$2 for account 1908	9 1/2	\$46
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,500,000	Tls. 8,807	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ended 31.10.1907	4 1/2	Tls. 59 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000	\$14,260	50 cents for year ending 31.7.07	4 1/2	\$11 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 1,500,000	Tls. 85,519	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 1/2)	...	Tls. 64 sellers
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 800,000	Tls. 6,303	Tls. 8 for 1906	...	Tls. 85 sellers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 2,500,000	Tls. 59,063	Tls. 50 for 1906	...	Tls. 242 1/2 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	\$12 1/2	\$12 1/2	\$1,075,500	£143	10 1/2 per share for 1907 = \$1.037	13 1/2	\$71 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	Nil.	\$1.20 for 1907	11 1/2	\$104
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000	\$25,000	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	161 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000	\$3,598	80 cents for 1907	8 1/2	\$91
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$2 1/2	\$2 1/2	\$625,000	\$2,974	\$1.50 for year ending 31.7.07	6 1/2	\$20
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,000,000	\$5,078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	12 1/2	\$10 sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$120,000	\$251	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 1/2	\$2 buyers
Hall & Holts, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$420,000	\$9,317	\$1 for year ending 28.2.08	10 1/2	\$20 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$9,321	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	7 1/2	\$17 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$125,000	\$4,578	Interim of \$4 for account 1907	8 1/2	\$23 1/2
Maatschappij tot Mijl. Bosch en Landbouwerij op de Lantak, Limited	65,000	\$10	\$10	\$650,000	\$8,191	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	8 1/2	\$25
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 2,500,000	Tls. 17,127	Interim of Tls. 10 for 2nd quarter	5 1/2	Tls. 603 sellers
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000	\$7,471	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 1/2	\$14
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$750,000	Nil.	None	...	\$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,200,000	Tls. 6,603	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2	Tls. 115 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,800	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	15 1/2	Tls. 93 sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,850	£20	£20	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 58,352	Final of 37/8 making 52/8 for 1907	...	Tls. 400 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000	Dr. \$9,233	None	...	\$6
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$478	40 cents for year ending 31.3.07	6 1/2	\$6
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295	Tls. 201	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.4.07	4 1/2	Tls. 100
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000	\$111	50 cents for 1907	...	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$1,160	80 cents on 5,000 ord. shares and \$10.50 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07	6 1/2	\$13
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$900,000	\$6,438	Final of 30 cts. = 3 = making 60 cents for year ending 31.12.07	6 1/2	\$10
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000	\$41	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1908	...	\$41 buyers

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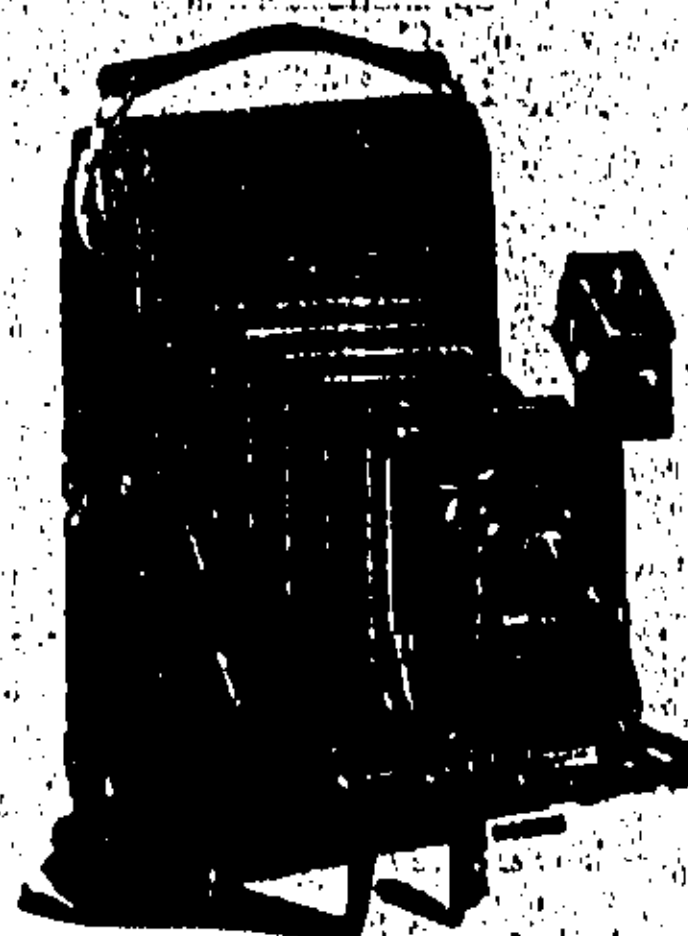
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